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SAC, San Francisco

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SAC, Honolulu (100--NEW)

LOYAL A. HINMAN
aka Luke Hinman
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re my letter to Los Angeles dated July 10, 1952, and Los Angeles letter to Honolulu dated August 19, 1952, captioned, "DWIGHT JAMES FREEMAN, Internal Security - C, Smith Act of 1940."

The Los Angeles letter sets out the results of an interview with FRANK EMIL GEIST in which GEIST stated that LUKE HINMAN attended the California State Training School of the Communist Party in 1939. He further stated that HINMAN lost sympathy with the Communist Party aims in 1944, or 1945, and drifted out of the Party. He advised HINMAN now operates a farm near Covelo, California, and can be reached through the Covelo Post Office. He requested that his name not be used in contacting HINMAN.

As was noted in my letter of July 10, 1952, the session of the Communist Party school attended by GEIST and HINMAN was the same session attended by ICHIRO IZUKA, JACK WAYNE HALL, and ROBERT MC ELRATH of Honolulu.

It is requested that HINMAN be interviewed in an effort to substantiate the testimony of IZUKA regarding the attendance of JACK WAYNE HALL, a Smith Act defendant of Honolulu, at this school. He should be specifically questioned as to if he has the outline used in this school, and if not, whether he can suggest any other attendants who might have defected from the Communist Party.

HINMAN should also be questioned about the other Smith Act defendants of this Office who are as follows:

KOJI ARIYOSHI
EILEEN FUJIMOTO
CHARLES FUJIMOTO
JACK DENICHI KIMOTO
DWIGHT JAMES FREEMAN
JOHN ERNEST REINECKE

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If cooperative, and if he has information of value, a signed statement should be taken from him, and background information submitted on him.

For assistance in covering this lead, there are being enclosed background sketches and photographs of the Smith Act defendants of this Office. There are also enclosed two photographs of JACK WAYNE HALL taken in 1940, which should be displayed to HINMAN. These need not be returned.

Expeditious handling of this matter is requested as the Smith Act trial is scheduled for September 29, 1952.

FBI, SAN FRANCISCO

9/10/52

DIRECTOR, FBI

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COMPROS DASH HONOLULU. HONOLULU HAS REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF LUKE ANSON HINMAN, WAS., BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE NAUGHT TWO THREE NINE EIGHT, IN CONNECTION HAWAII SMITH ACT TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. TWENTY NINE, NEXT. HINMAN WHITE, MALE, EMPLOYED AND RESIDING COVELO LUMBER CO., COVELO, CALIF. BELIEVED DIVORCED, OCCUPATION, EMPLOYMENT AND RACE OF SPOUSE UNKNOWN. HINMAN VETERAN ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE; ATTENDED NINETEEN FORTY CP CONVENTION IN SF; MEMBER CPA AND CP USA FORTY FOUR DASH FORTY EIGHT IN SF AND COVELO, CALIF. NO INFORMATION INDICATING CP ACTIVITY BY SPOUSE OR ANY OTHER RELATIVES. LAST KNOWN ACTIVITY BY HINMAN WAS SUBSCRIPTION TO DPW IN MAY FORTY SEVEN. FRANK EMIL GEIST, FORMER CP MEMBER, STATED IN RECENT INTERVIEW IN LOS ANGELES THAT HINMAN DEFECTED CP SHORTLY AFTER MOVING TO COVELO, CALIF. IN FORTY FOUR, FORTY FIVE. HINMAN REPORTEDLY ATTENDED NINETEEN THIRTY NINE CP STATE TRAINING SCHOOL WITH HAWAIIAN SMITH ACT DEFENDANT JACK HALL. IF COOPERATIVE, HINMAN COULD FURNISH EVIDENCE VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION. SUTEL IF AUTHORITY GRANTED.

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2 cc: Honolulu (97-10X)(100-New Luke Anson Hinman)(AMSD - REGISTERED)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21632)

LOYAL A. HINMAN, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMPROS - HAWAII
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LOYAL A. HINMAN was interviewed at Covelo, California, on 9/17/52, by SAN GENEVIEVE T. TURNSTALL and WILLIAM P. DOLLE. HINMAN was courteous and appeared to be endeavoring to co-operate with the interviewing agents. However, he was unable to supply any information of value to the forthcoming Smith Act prosecutions in Honolulu. He admitted membership in the Communist Party from approximately 1934 through 1945 at which time he claimed to have become disillusioned because of the dictatorial policies of the Communist Party. Photographs of all of the Hawaiian Smith Act defendants were displayed to him and he was unable to identify any. He also stated that at no time during his active Communist Party membership had he heard names of the various defendants in Honolulu mentioned in Communist Party circles. He also advised that he had no information concerning the organizational setup of the Communist Party in Hawaii and its relation to Communist Party District 13 Headquarters in San Francisco.

HINMAN recalled that he had attended a Communist Party State Training School held in San Francisco at Communist Party Headquarters, 121 Haight Street at the approximate time of the signing of the Soviet-German Non-aggression Pact. He was unable to recall that JACK W. HALL, ROBERT WALTER MC CALLUM or ICHIRO IZUKA had participated in the sessions of the above school. He stated that to the best of his recollection that there were no Orientals in attendance at the State Training School in 1939. HINMAN was closely questioned in this regard and he appeared quite positive of the foregoing and suggested that the school may have met in two sessions and that the above mentioned Hawaiian subjects may have been in a section other than the one in which he participated.

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(LOYAL A. HINMAN)

3CC: San Francisco

100-32500 (Rejected Communist Party member)

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100-8576 (JACK WAYNE HALL)

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At the termination of the interview, HINMAN volunteered to assist the Bureau in any manner in which he might be of value. It is the belief of the interviewing agents that HINMAN was genuinely attempting to co-operate, although it should be noted he did display some reluctance to discuss Communist Party activities of persons whom he knew had terminated their active Communist Party membership. In regard to individuals currently active within the Communist Party, HINMAN showed no reluctance in furnishing information concerning them and volunteered information of value in several matters which is being incorporated in the appropriate case files.

It is the recommendation of the San Francisco Office that the security index card presently maintained on this subject be cancelled.